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Offered by:

REP. DELGOBBO, 70th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1117

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF ELECTRIC RESTRUCTURING."

- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
- 2 following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Section 25-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 5 Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, no
- 6 state agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of
- 7 Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council, shall
- 8 consider or render a final decision for any applications relating to
- 9 electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings or
- telecommunications crossings of Long Island Sound that have required
- 11 or will require a certificate issued pursuant to section 16-50k or
- 12 approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission including, but
- 13 not limited to, electrical power line, gas pipeline or

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14 telecommunications applications that are pending or received after 15 June 3, 2002, for a period of three years after June 3, 2002, until such 16 time as the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board has reported to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance 17 18 of matters relating to energy and technology that the process for 19 issuing requests for proposals under section 16a-7c is complete. 20 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no such moratorium 21 shall become effective unless the chairperson of the Department of 22 Public Utility Control, in consultation with the Commissioner of 23 Environmental Protection, determines that such moratorium shall not 24 adversely impact energy reliability or ratepayers. Such moratorium 25 shall not apply to applications relating solely to the maintenance, 26 repair or replacement necessary for repair of electrical power lines, gas 27 pipelines or telecommunications facilities currently used to provide 28 service to customers located on islands or peninsulas off the 29 Connecticut coast or harbors, embayments, tidal rivers, streams or 30 creeks. An applicant may seek a waiver of such moratorium by 31 submitting a petition to the following: The chairpersons and ranking 32 members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly 33 having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the environment, 34 the chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council, the chairperson of the 35 Public Utilities Control Authority, the Commissioner of Environmental 36 Protection, and any other state agency head with jurisdiction over the 37 subject of the petition. Such persons may grant a petition for a waiver 38 by unanimous consent. Nothing in section 16-244j, this section or 39 sections 25-157a to 25-157c, inclusive, shall be construed to affect the 40 project in the corridor across Long Island Sound, from Norwalk to 41 Northport, New York, to replace the existing electric cables that cross 42 the sound."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
sections.		
Section 1	from passage	25-157